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SUBJECT: SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION, AUGUST 1976

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1. ISRAELI EMBOFF HAS INFORMED US THAT 815 SOVIET JEWS WITH EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL ARRIVED IN VIENNA IN AUGUST. ALSO IN AUGUST 471 SOVIET JEWS DEPARTED VIENNA FOR ISRAEL, WHILE 369 DECIDED TO SETTLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. ISRAELI EMBOFF AGREED THAT SOME SUMMER SLUMP IN EMIGRATION COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, BUT SAID HIS GOVERNMENT ALSO HAD INFORMATION THAT SOVIET HARASSMENT OF VISA APPLICANTS HAD INCREASED IN RECENT MONTHS. HE SAID THERE WAS WIDE-
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SPREAD INTERCEPTION OF INVITATIONS (VYZOVS) SENT FROM

ISRAEL AND MENTIONED SEVERAL RECENT CASES OF EXIT PERMISSION GRANTED AND THEN ARBITRARILY WITHDRAWN. HE ALSO CLAIMED THERE HAVE BEEN MORE CASES OF JEWS DETAINED BY MILITIA AND KGB FOR MINOR INFRACTIONS. ACCORDING TO ISRAELI EMBOFF, THESE AND OTHER NORMAL SOVIET HARASSMENT TECHNIQUES ARE CAUSING MORE JEWS TO DELAY THEIR APPLICATIONS TO EMIGRATE. KISSINGER

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